



KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Jeremy C. Slinker
Director

August 3, 2022

Commissioner Rick Rand
Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction
500 Mero Street, First Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Licensed Plumber Shortage

Dear Commissioner Rand:

One challenge to the recovery and rebuilding efforts for those impacted by the floods and severe weather events in beginning July 26, 2022, in eastern Kentucky continues to be the insufficient number of available Kentucky licensed plumbers. As a result, I am taking the following action:

Pursuant to KRS 39A.070(3) and Executive Order 2022-457 paragraph 6, the Division of Emergency Management directs the Department of Housing, Building and Construction to allow out-of-state plumbers who are not licensed in Kentucky to perform volunteer work in Kentucky to assist with the rebuilding efforts related to the severe weather events beginning July 26, 2022, in the following eastern Kentucky counties: Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, and Wolfe.

This directive is limited to plumbers who are licensed in their home state, in good standing with his or her licensing jurisdiction, and are offering services on a volunteer basis. Any plumbing work performed by an out-of-state plumber under this directive shall be permitted and inspected by a Kentucky plumbing inspector from the Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction. Plumbers who hold a license in their home state would not be eligible to perform for-profit plumbing work without the applicable Kentucky license.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy C. Slinker".

Jeremy C. Slinker, Director
Kentucky Emergency Management